

Rank the nuttiest US left sects

Submitted by DekuScrub3 on July 4, 2015

I think we can all agree RCP takes the cake, right? After that, I'm not sure. WSP? I always hear weird rumors that their leader is some reclusive millionaire who refuses to be photographed.

DekuScrub3 7 years 1 month ago

Actually, I meant the Socialist Equality Party, not WSP. Was getting their name confused with their website.

Fnordie 7 years 1 month ago

It's not just RCP, Maoists in general are super wacky.

Leading Light Communist Organization argues that when we have global communism, everyone will make the equivalent of \$9000 a year. They got that figure by just taking the world GDP and dividing it by 8 billion.

Rural People's Party models itself after Jim Jones and the People's Temple.
Seriously.

DekuScrub3 7 years 1 month ago

Oooh, those are good ones. Never even heard of them.

S. Artesian 7 years 1 month ago

How can you leave out the Spartacists, or the US affiliates, if any, of ICC, ICG, ICT, IP, IMG, or Solidarity, Socialist Alliance, Socialist Action...?

DekuScrub3 7 years 1 month ago

I don't really know any of the others...but is Solidarity that nuts? From what I know of them they're just a non-sectarian socialist group with a strong Trotskyist streak.

gram negative 7 years 1 month ago

well the WWP sent election observers to Syria a few years ago, to make sure the imperialist pig-dogs did not interfere with Assad's free elections

edit: thanks to fnordie's good eyes

Fnordie 7 years 1 month ago

you mean [WWP](#)

jahbread 7 years 1 month ago

libcom.org?

No.1

Entdinglichung 7 years 1 month ago

Ray O. Light and Progressive Labor?

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this group does not exist anymore: [Youth for Stalin – Stalinist Workers](#)

[Group for Afro-American National Liberation and a New Communist](#)

[International](#)

Fnordie 7 years 1 month ago

Entdinglichung

“ *Progressive Labor?*

One time when I was 14 I went to a PLP May Day thing. They sang songs like "you can't smash the bosses without passing the hat" while collecting money, it was hilarious

Chilli Sauce 7 years 1 month ago

I mean, the Sparts take it obviously, but I always thought Worker's World was a good one, too.

Fnordie 7 years 1 month ago

That's the only M-L party with a major presence in my area. In my experience a large percentage of them are newly-recruited working class people with only a vague understanding of the party line. They do love North Korea and any other nominally socialist state...a WWP member was the only person I've ever heard refer to China, Vietnam, Laos, Cuba, and North Korea as "the five that survived"

Entdinglichung 7 years 1 month ago

Fnordie

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not so much different from the Sparts who "defend" them ("militarily, not politically") as "deformed workers' states"

politically / as deformed workers states

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Survive??? We're working on stopping that!



Noah Fence 7 years ago

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5 down votes? Christ, there's some po-faced fuckers round here.

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Flint 7 years ago

Deep Green Resistance (DGR)

"For a Better World" (FABW) communist organization and newsletter

<http://leftspot.com/blog/?q=taxonomy/term/109/9>

Home of the "Free Saddam Hussein" campaign.

<http://portland.indymedia.org/en/2004/03/282632.shtml>

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Spark is about as old as the Sparts. They are aligned internationally with one of the largest Trotskyist international tendencies Internationalist Communist Union, usually called Lutte Ouvrière after the French section, their largest. in 2002 their candidate got 5% of the vote for President of France.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutte_Ouvri%C3%A8re

I've run across them in Chicago El stations and in Oakland, so not just Baltimore. Their focus is building support in workplaces and also against personality cults. Can't be that bad...

Fnordie 7 years ago

Flint

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The Spark

I've never seen evidence that the Spark is anyone else besides that one old guy who goes to the PPA demos. He likes to show off how up-to-date he is by bragging they were the only left party with a presence in Bethlehem Steel (which can't possibly be true, right?)

Entdinglichung 7 years ago

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Fnordie

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They did offer to send an international brigade to fight alongside the PDPA in Afghanistan. I am not making that up. The PDPA said no thanks.

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Anybody know if anarchist orgs got into the back-to-the-factories movement?

fnbrilll 7 years ago

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To a certain extent, yes, there were a small number of us who believed in and practiced this.

In NYC, we called it "industrial concentration".

Overall, our numbers were so small, we were mostly laughed at by many anarchists. And looked upon with aghast by the M-L's and Trots.

Fnordie 7 years ago

Chilli Sauce

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I don't remember anything very detailed, sorry. These were a couple of old guys in a labor history class I took. They'd talk about how the John Birchers used to sit outside the shipyards entrance with shotguns and follow home union activists who were suspected communists.

OliverTwister 7 years ago

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Didn't the Chicago IWW try to concentrate in steel production?

At the Mead plant in Atlanta, where the October League helped organize a wildcat, I've been told that many of the shop-stewards at the time were in the Klan.

syndicalist 7 years ago

IWW Chicago tried to organize at at least one smallish machine shop
They also issued an ok health and safety pamphlet for metal workers. *

I do recall one anarchist Wob critiqued the practice, when we argued for it, as being akin to Marxist-Leninism. I'm not sure if they were in Chicago at the time of the IU440 concentration or still in Maine at the time if that drive

I remember the Mead wildcat, don't recall klan being stewards, but that wouldn't be shocking
either

* "A Metal Workers' Guide: Health & Safety on the Job" --- General
Production Workers Organizing Committee/ I.W.W. ---- Editorial:
Chicago: G.P.W.O.C./I.W.W., 1976

syndicalist 7 years ago

Regarding above #40 post -

Here's a partical on the IWW Metal Workers - <http://libcom.org/history/iww-organising-1970s>

Right quick on Mead: <http://interferencearchive.org/wildcat-at-mead/>

There was also a pamphlet that the OL produced (aside from press) on the strike. I think there was also something on Mead in their pamphlet "Communists and the Trade Unions" or something like that.

EDIT: "A Communist View: Building Class Struggle Trade Unions"

<https://www.marxists.org/history/erol/ncm-3/ol-tu/index.htm>

"Interview: Mead Strike Leader"

First Published: The Call, Vol. I, No. 2, November 1972.

<https://www.marxists.org/history/erol/ncm-1/ol-mead.htm>

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<http://www.scribd.com/doc/2931700/Essential-Organizer-1973>

Flint 7 years ago

The defunct [Maoist International Movement \(MIM\)](#)

“ MIM upholds the Chinese Cultural Revolution as the farthest advance of communism in humyn history.

As Marx, Engels and Lenin formulated and MIM has reiterated through materialist analysis, imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of oppressor nation so-called workers. These so-called workers bought off by imperialism form a new petty-bourgeoisie called the labor aristocracy. These classes are not the principal vehicles to advance Maoism within those countries because their standards of living depend on imperialism. At this time, imperialist super-profits create this situation in Canada, Quebec, the United States, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Israel, Sweden and Denmark.

(Spain, Greece, Turkey, Ireland, Russia, China, Norway, Finland, Austria, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Portugal and Monaco were spared. Quebec is apparently a country)

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They live on through their [unintentionally hilarious movie reviews](#).

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LRNA isn't so nutty, they're pretty savvy for a Leninist sect. Not too long ago they operated a school for organizers which produced some of the founders of at least 2 well known workers' centers. (not naming the centers because that's a dick move)

syndicalist 7 years ago

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I personally found them to be smart but creepy. Creepy in the sense that you knew they had an agenda and we're affiliated, but refused to show their hand so to speak. Like they were hiding something. But this goes along with creepy "deep entryism" anyway.

One of the more notable LRNA members was the respected General Baker, who came out of the DRUM movement.

(<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2014/05/detroit-s-radical-general-baker/>)

gram negative 7 years ago

Flint

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dang, they took down my favorite part, which was that their mailing address was in Cambridge, MA - home to such proletarian concentrations as Harvard and MIT

syndicalist 7 years ago

Cambridge used to be a weird place. It had Harvard and MIT, then it had lots of factories. I know this was rapidly changing by the 1970s. I recall in the early mid-1970s there were at least two radical bookstores of note. I think one was called Red Ballon and was a general leftist one. The other was, I forget the name, but was also the home for the pro-Albanian Hoxaist Central Organization of US Marxist-Leninists (COUSML)....Nutters indeed.

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I remember the LRP well....obnoxious and sectarian. This they kept up their transit work for years (probably just a couple of folks, still...)

"Revolutionary Transit Worker (RTW)" is a bulletin for TWU Local 100 supported by the League for the Revolutionary Party (LRP)

<http://www.lrp-cofi.org/TWU100/RTW/>

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Eastern Farm Workers Assn..... NY comrades (as anarchists and as wobs) had close and personal experiences with these folks in the early 1970s. I was not involved with them, but at least one currently close (and one

formerly close) comrade did. The pages of the "IW" from like 1972ish-4ish should have some articles on comrades support for the EFWA activities on potato farms on Long Island, NY

fnbrilll 7 years ago

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I've not seen any support. My guess is it would be found in anarchist groupings that support armed struggle, but they're not very common anymore (fortunately)

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petey 7 years ago

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WOW

akai 7 years ago

It was me involved with the potato farmers stuff, but later on (unless somebody else you are thinking of was some years earlier. Mitch Cohen was involved). Basically, the Marxists rode on the Chavez people for a while and then formed this initiative, mostly run by the Provisional Communist Party in Brooklyn. But I am happy to say that some years on some farm workers sort of broke with this and we were cooperating with them as a collective through our food coop. / The first labor thing I got involved with was with the Chavez people and at the time I thought that this project of the eastern farm workers was pretty good and it was working outside of the recognized union system, so that was the first time I saw something like that. As I got older and developed of course I thought more critically... but I don't think the labor organizing campaign is what we should criticize the PW CPUSA for.

About other organizations mentioned, yes, the one-person Albania Communist Party info center was nutty. The Sparts - they have some crazy points (ie about China) but I am lenient on them because they criticized what was happening in Poland very early on. :-)

About the Red Balloon, it was basically Mitch Cohen's collective and I think the different locations might have reflected Cohen's place of residence, no? Not sure.

Flint 7 years ago

I'm alright with Mitchel Cohen/Red Balloon Collective because he took Murray Bookchin to task for the dismissing the Iroquois polity as relevant to his own project of libertarian municipalism/communalism. [Listen](#)

[Bookchin!](#)

I realize I'm probably one of the few people on the planet that cares.

Another nutter, this time from Anarchyland... "Kaiser" Bill White and the Utopian Anarchist Party (UAP) (overthrow dot com). He became an explicit nazis in the NSM. Then he went to jail. Still there.

syndicalist 7 years ago

"Woodstock Anarchist Party"...Red Wharton....later turned out to be a right wing biker and possibly worse

akai 7 years ago

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syndicalist 7 years ago

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They say this. Also that he was a cop

I was trying to walk lightly cause I don't have info at hand

I was plugged in WAP. I never met Red and glad I never did in some ways

Just fucked that I was fooled as a 20 year old

Reddebrek 7 years ago

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color example:





I remember hearing about another group that became very pro North Korea to the point they had classes on it. Apparently they also turned the building they held this classes into a model of a North Korean school.

So apparently creating mini dictatorships was something of a fad.

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Karetelnik 6 years 9 months ago

Perry "Red" Warthan (1942-1999), founder of the Woodstock Anarchist Party, was indeed a neo-Nazi, although he claimed to have been an anarchist for seven years. In 1982 he murdered a 17-year old member of his neo-Nazi group. It was not his first murder; when he was 14 he killed a 13-year-old and spent many years in institutions for the criminally insane. Warthan died in prison, but not before he "found Jesus".

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Entdinglichung 7 years ago

more of their stuff: <https://www.marxists.org/history/erol/1960-1970/index.htm#cpusaml>

petey 7 years ago

he's the one joan didion wrote about

<http://www.bookrags.com/studyguide-slouching-towards-bethlehem/chapanal004.html#gsc.tab=0>

Reddebrek 6 years 12 months ago

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<http://marxists.anu.edu.au/history/erol/1960-1970/laskiexpulsion.htm>

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Regardless, I plan on embellishing the script to the point that it starts looking like Reservoir Dogs.

Chilli Sauce 6 years 12 months ago

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[http://www.bookrags.com/studyguide-slouching-towards-bethlehem
/chapanal004.html#gsc.tab=0](http://www.bookrags.com/studyguide-slouching-towards-bethlehem/chapanal004.html#gsc.tab=0)

He was indeed, the books here, [http://bookzz.org
/s/?q=Slouching+Toward+Bethlehem&t=0](http://bookzz.org/s/?q=Slouching+Toward+Bethlehem&t=0)

He also used the pseudonym Joseph Steele.

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Yeah I thought that was it at first but then I remembered that degenerate has been used as `academicky` way of making anything the person using it doesn't like as twisted and rotten. Base purely on inference though I think they were accusing him of having cronies or of just ignoring the parties rules and chain of command. Which seems to be the [case](#). Which makes it even more ludicrous that they'd put that above the time he waved a shotgun in other members faces or threw gasoline all over an office.

Really there is a lot of crazy in this Rev footnote.

petey 6 years 12 months ago

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<http://www.bookrags.com/studyguide-slouching-towards-bethlehem/chapanal004.html#gsc.tab=0>

He was indeed, the books here, <http://bookzz.org/s/?q=Slouching+Toward+Bethlehem&t=0>

thanks!!

Entdinglichung 6 years 8 months ago

iexist

“ I found these hoxhaist songs on YouTube and it is the worst left music ever, here's the only one I could actually finish without ear bleed:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ntIsYYH1iA8>

managed to listen to the song :-(

try this:

[youtube]juFdTpVh288[/youtube]

Entdinglichung 6 years 8 months ago

or this:

[youtube]wnauDrzdOiQ[/youtube]

[youtube]UXEDZy4Z8os[/youtube]

makes my physically sick listening to this even without following the crappy lyrics

syndicalist 6 years 8 months ago

synarcant 6 years 8 months ago

“ *Karetelnik--Woodstock Anarchist Party*

I actually "belonged" to the WAP. I'm assuming this was during his anarchist phase. or hoping it was at least.

Note: This was mid-1970s. All pre-internet and easy ways to find out someone's past.

petey 6 years 8 months ago

merciless as enver hoxha

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5kOZKpRmqCU>

David in Atlanta 5 years 3 months ago

The Sparts used to attack the American SWP back in the day. SWP is a bit daft themselves these days come to think of it.

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Khawaga 5 years 3 months ago

That is fucking wild.

Entdinglichung 5 years 3 months ago

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according to Max Elbaum's website: <https://revolutionintheair.org/chronology-part-four-1975-1980/>

“ March 25: According to the SCEF newspaper Southern Struggle, a shoot-out takes place on this date when members of the RCP allegedly fire on SCEF members and tenants at the Capitol Homes housing site in Atlanta. (Southern Struggle, March-April 1979)

morven 5 years 3 months ago

Re Dave in Atlanta's post on the Sparts. Do you have a reference/s for that?

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syndicalist 5 years 3 months ago

I remember stuff like this happening "frequently" enough. But not SL outright attacks on SWP. But I trust ole David's memory more than my own on this.

An example from anti-Viet Nam wars days

"The SWP in the NPAC Conference"....

<https://www.marxists.org/history/etol/newspape/spartacist-us/1964-1971>

[/The%20SWP%20in%20the%20NPAC%20Conference_07-03-1971.pdf](#)

Entdinglichung 5 years 3 months ago

[Against Violence within the Workers Movement](#) (1974). Articles by Ernest Mandel, Leon Trotsky and subjects such as violence in the Anti-Vietnam War Movement by the (US) SWP

Tarwater 5 years 3 months ago

Re: Spart violence...

During the year I spent in the Bay Area, I heard about a dozen rumors or references to spart cross-sect-ional violence. About 15 years ago now...

OliverTwister 5 years 3 months ago

morven

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I've heard that there was even an ambush by Sparts at an ISO conference ~12 years ago.

sherbu-kteer 3 years 10 months ago

Found this tidbit on the RCP attempting to confront the staff of the Guardian (the Maoist one) in the 70s:

“ On my first day at the Guardian office, the staff assembled for a meeting on armed struggle and overthrowing the state. Oh my god, I inwardly trembled, armed struggle. This wasn't college games anymore, it was the real thing! Suddenly I was overcome with this sinking feeling that maybe I wasn't cut out to be a revolutionary after all. In fact, the closest we ever came to armed combat was when an ultra-Maoist sect unimpressed by the Guardian's revolutionary credentials sought a showdown. Leaving work one evening I noticed a grim-faced mob all wearing the trademark lumberjack boots, blue jeans and work shirts of the Revolutionary Union approach our building. I quickly rang up Fred at the front desk, who, I was later told, braced for the worst with wrench and crowbar in hand. (At the time he was eighty years old.) The RU's plot was foiled, however, when they crowded into the elevator and it sank to the basement. It seems that they hadn't read the bourgeois warning about maximum elevator capacity.

From [Misadventures in the Class Struggle](#), a short autobiographical article by Norman Finkelstein.

Entdinglichung 1 year 5 months ago

Fnordie

“ [Rural People's Party](#) models itself after [Jim Jones and the People's Temple](#). Seriously.

according to <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/countering-radical-right/nazi-satanists-promoting-extreme-violence-and-terrorism/>

“ In the US, perhaps the most extreme of ONA's nexions is the Tempel ov Blood (ToB). ToB's literature encourages sadism and sexual violence, glorifies mass-murderers and terrorists, and calls for adherents to engage in racially motivated violence depicted as a holy war.

The ToB is reportedly run by Joshua Caleb Sutter, an alleged neo-Nazi occultist activist who converted to militant Hinduism; and who is said to have founded an astonishing pro-North Korea group in South Carolina named the Rural People's Party.

openDemocracy has attempted to contact Sutter about these allegations but has been unable to reach him.



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